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TECH NEWS



VOL. 9

WORCESTER, MASS., MARCH 5, 1918

No. 21

TEAM TO LEAVE FRIDAY

Pratt Institute and Stevens Included On Trip

On Friday morning, the basketball squad of eight men and the coach and manager start on what might be termed the "southern trip." Friday evening our boys buck up against the Pratt Institute five in Brooklyn. On Saturday, the following evening they visit Hoboken to play a return game with the Stevens Institute's fast quintet. Stevens' remarkable playing this season has caused her players to occupy prominent places in the college basketball world. We hope to make a much better showing against them this time than in our own gym.

McCAFFREY ELECTED CAPTAIN

George McCaffrey of Clinton was elected captain of the 1918 football team at a meeting of the football "W" men, held last Wednesday noon. McCaffrey is an all-around athlete, and a familiar figure in the Tech baseball and basketball teams. He has played two years at football with the Tech varsity, and indisputably held down his job at right end. The vote for "Mac" was unanimous, and surely speaks for the team's approval of their new captain.

Y. M. C. A. NOMINATIONS

H. S. Howes, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. nominating committee, has announced the results of his committee's work in this respect. These nominations will stand unless the men themselves withdraw their names. They are:

For president, B. W. Marsh, '19; for vice president, S. N. McCaslin, '20, and A. C. Newman, '20; for secretary, H. B. Whitmore, '21, and R. W. Cartee, '21; for treasurer, N. P. Marks, '20, and E. J. P. Fisher, '21.

The nominations for auditors resulted in placing Prof. Knight for Y. M. C. A. and R. C. Joslin for the War Fund. The present members of the Advisory Board were renominated.

A. S. M. E.

The spring meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will be held in Worcester, from June 4 to June 7, inclusive. The Executive Committee of the local branch, consisting of G. I. Rockwood '88, chairman; H. P. Fairfield, secretary; W. W. Buel '87, W. H. Damon, G. N. Jeppson, and F. W. Parks '96, will have charge. There will be sessions at the Bancroft Hotel, and at Tech. R. Sanford Riley '96, as President of the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester, will give an address of welcome. The definite program will be published at a later date.

TECH NIGHT

While March 4th in other years would mean the inauguration of a new president, nothing helped to make it stand out this year save Tech Night at Poli's. And that made it not only stand out but stand up and be counted. For the Counts of Tech Hill—those counted in and counted out, counted up their pennies and three hundred hiked toward Elm street, where resideth the Temple of Forgetfulness of Calculus and back sliders from the slide rule.

It was some show. The Tech men were busy all the time and made plenty of noise. Tech cheers filled the air from time to time to the tune of those horrid cow bells. Confetti, streamers and balloons also helped give snap to the night of nights.

The program started off with Mr. Meehan, the manager of Poli's, welcoming the engineers. Then the show started, and how we did envy those boys in the bald-headed rows—for there were girls and girls and girls. Some Tech men who sat in boxes accompanied by their girls were wasting money, for there were plenty on the stage. "Now-a-days" had a bunch of them and it was some lively skit. "Kate and Wily" had one young lady, and she was agile enough to make the Tech Track team. "Riley and Lester" sprung some bum jokes, but, oh, how we envied their sojourning with the young ladies, such young ladies as we might invite to the Chinese lunch—and, say, speaking of Chinese lunches, wasn't that some rough house "Roya and Arthur" created of just such a place. Then came Tom Brown's Musical Review, which was about as musical as those dear old Tech songs. The climax was reached when we saw a few hits on the Tech professors, and they were certainly good. Charlie Chaplin, who never got over two feet into trigonometry, was there strong. Fannie Ward was in a big picture entitled "Innocent." After such a show, the boys ought to read page twenty-eight in the green book.

The boys had a good time; but this morning how many had their lessons. We owe many thanks to the committee, Patillo (chairman), Welch, Drake, and Stoughton, also Mr. Poli for the use of his theatre.

ORMSBEE ELECTED

The Freshmen held a class meeting last Friday, C. P. Frey presiding. They voted to have their picture taken over, as the last attempt was not a success. Then followed the election of E. F. Ormsbee as president to take the place vacated by Stoughton, who has joined the Aviation Corps. The election proved to be unconstitutional, as there was no majority. An election on Saturday reaffirmed the election of Ormsbee.

PROM NOW ASSURED

April Sixth or Thirteenth Become Probable Dates

The plans for the Junior Prom are progressing steadily and are commencing to take definite shape. The class met to talk over the affair and expressed its desires about various points in connection with the dance. A vote showed that the majority of the class wanted it to be an informal event but the committee in charge feels that it should be formal to keep up the custom of past years. Consequently it has been decided to take another vote of the men on the subject this noon, only the men who intend to go being eligible to vote. This is because the committee felt that the men who had an active interest in the Prom would prefer to have it formal, as heretofore, and that the votes of those who did not expect to attend might have swayed the majority at the previous meeting.

The date of the Prom has not yet been definitely decided upon. Possible conflict with senior dates has delayed the decision considerably, April sixth and thirteenth being the prospective days. It is expected that all heat troubles will be overcome by that time, and, in any case, it is probable that the gymnasium can be heated up adequately for the one evening. If the Seniors decide to hold their dinner on Monday evening instead of Saturday, the Prom will be held on the latter of the two dates under consideration, but the dance will otherwise come on the former. The matter of the formality of the affair will be definitely decided at the meeting this noon and the matter of the choice of dates will probably be cleared up in the near future and will leave the rest of the planning to be centered in the details which will go to make the whole thing a success equal to all its predecessors at W. P. I.

TO TALK MARCH 8

Edward S. Cole of the Pitometer Company will speak to the Student branch of the A. S. M. E. on Friday evening, March 8. His subject is to be "Determining Water Waste in American Cities by Pitometer Methods." Mr. Cole has been secured to speak to the Branch by Prof. Allen, and deals with a subject interesting to all, especially those taking Hydraulics. Although Mr. Cole now comes from New York, he has been active in his work in many American cities.

"How old are you, sweetheart?" asked a fond lady of Agnes, aged six years. "I ain't old," replied Agnes. "I'm nearly new."—Ex.

TECH MANHOOD HONORED

First news of the decoration of a Tech man for bravery in the Great War comes from France and tells us that Castle A. Moore, 1918, has been honored together with the rest of the ambulance unit in which he is serving with the *fouerrage*, a French military honor consisting of a braided red and green cord hung loosely over the left shoulder and under the left arm, with a sort of nozzle hanging from it. Moore's unit is the only American unit to be so rewarded, no other Americans at all having received this decoration. It serves to make the men in the unit the cynosure of attention when they go out on the streets. It is quite gratifying to us back here at school to learn that one of our former number is thus doing his bit so well, and we sincerely hope to receive more such news from other men.

From the same source of news we learn that Moore has been acting as barber to his entire section for some time. Starting first because of necessity, he soon became expert, and all the tonsorial work of the section fell to him to do. This is rather a new branch of machine work for a W. P. I. mechanic to undertake, but we feel sure that he will make a success of it. This only serves to show what a man may be called upon to undertake when in the Field Service in France.

WARD IS COMING

Harry Ward is coming to Tech! This is the most important announcement to be made by the Y. M. C. A. this year. It means that from March 21st to 24th Tech will have a series of meetings as vital as those conducted two years ago by Raymond Robbins. It means that every student will have the opportunity to hear topics of world interest dealt with as never before. It means a bigger spirit of service among Tech men. It means workable, work-a-day, living sort of Christianity among our fellows.

Harry Ward is coming! Note that on your desk calendar, and save the dates, March 21-24, until further announcements are published.

CALENDAR

Tuesday—March 5—7:30 p. m. Sceptical Chymists meet in the Rathskeller. Intercollegiate Rifle Match.
Wednesday—March 6—7:00 p. m. Y. M. C. A. Meeting.
Thursday—March 7—Watch this space.
Friday—March 8—8:00 p. m. A. S. M. E. meeting.
Basketball with Pratt Institute at Brooklyn.
Saturday—March 9—Basketball with Stevens at Hoboken.
Sunday—Mar. 10—Go to Sunday School.
Monday—March 11—5 p. m. News assignments in M. E. 117.

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BOOST TECH

Editorials

When technical students are urged by those of seemingly good judgment and long experience to "stay in school," it perhaps seems like an easy alternative. But here we have to consider both a man's sentimental and mental makeup. There are those who shrink from being what ignorant and erroneously thinking people call slackers. There are many who have an inborn instinct to get into active war work, such that their very conscience spurs them on. There are still others who have dependents, and who seek to get a better rating than that offered to a draftee. So we might go on, naming various impulses which govern the actions of our students in this war. We rather seek to defend the man who leaves the technical school to go into service, provided he has given the step honest thought. In the engineering profession as in many others it is said that engineers are born and not made. If this is true, why should not a student who enlists in the army or naval service succeed if he has entered an undertaking of his own choice and deliberation. It might be said that few engineering students entering the service in this way receive high positions. We may refute this by saying that "a good man can not be kept down," and statistics show that a small per cent. of graduate engineering students really make engineers. It is absolutely necessary that we consider that no two men's minds work alike, and it is not for us to tell one man to enlist, and another not to, unless we

understand him as well as ourselves. The country needs engineers, but can not hope to get them from unwilling students. Let each one decide for himself, carefully, thoughtfully, and unselfishly.

Of all our friends whom we neglect to write, the last should be our comrades in the American Expeditionary Forces, and the various camps throughout the United States. Most certainly we should not allow ourselves to be lax in keeping our friends, who are on the firing lines, well informed about the home news, which interests them so much. It is very hard for the men over in France to write us, yet they do, and quite often. Last year at this time, we were just beginning to have a vague idea that a draft registration would be held in June. Since then our best and nearest friends have been taken from all walks of life to work in a common undertaking. Many have gone to the scene of action, and thousands more are waiting for training and transportation. The transformation of less than a year will give us an inkling of what will pass in another year. Then we who are yet here can imagine how much comfort a letter from a college chum may bring. If you have friends in the service, write them, and write them regularly!

The placing of Summer Shop as an elective in the Mechanical Department this year is going to mean a great deal to every student who is patriotic enough to take advantage of the opportunity offered. Although we are not experienced machinists, and probably very little experienced in any of the trades, we have had mental training which will enable us to quickly become of value in many lines of work. Every one who does not take the Summer Shop should begin to plan now what he will do this summer, and get started on it early. If you can get a job that is productive, even if it is not a direct war-workers' position, it will release another man for work of this sort.

RIFLE CLUB MATCHES

After some delay, due to lack of targets, both rifle club matches were held last week.

The unofficial scores for Match No. 1 were as follows:

H. J. Reid, '19	198
A. M. Holton, '20	185
H. P. Crane, '19	184
F. W. Hubbard, '18	181
E. W. Bemis, '19	179
R. W. Perry, '21	178
E. L. Thayer, '20	176
R. M. Eldred, '21	168
J. O. Dudley, '21	121
D. K. Pattillo, '18	108
The second match was held Feb. 26:	
H. P. Crane, '19	196
A. M. Halton, '20	196
H. J. Reid, '19	191
R. M. Eldred, '21	184
E. W. Bemis, '19	182
E. L. Thayer, '20	180
R. W. Perry, '21	177
F. W. Hubbard, '18	163
J. O. Dudley, '21	163

It is a time when every student should become a proficient marksman, and for this reason the range will be

open and a range officer in charge from 4:30 to 6:00 p. m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The regular intercollegiate matches will be held each Tuesday until the ten are concluded.

The official scoring will be forwarded from Washington at a later date.

A COMMUNICATION

Another year has passed and we feel the approach of the Junior Prom. To some students such a feeling comes because of limited funds in their pocket-books. To others it is a chance to enjoy a pleasant evening with her. In all respects it is enjoyed by a few.

What distinctly impresses me in regard to the Prom is the strict war-time attitude of the Junior class. War-time because that is the patriotic spirit, I suppose. On two different occasions I have enjoyed an evening at the Bancroft, but the effects of such enjoyment leaves an impression upon my mind worth repeating. Perhaps I voice the sentiment of some when I say, "We can't afford it." Nevertheless, we go to follow the pace.

The object of the committee is to adjust the Prom to the students. The proposed plan outlined by the class and commented upon by our Editor is worthy of consideration. To the average Tech man I am inclined to think that curtailment of Prom expenses will be tremendously appreciated. Taxicabs, flowers and the like can easily be discouraged. The result is a higher plane for the event and an evening well worth while for all who dance.

A SENIOR.

AFTERMATH CHANGES

The Aftermath of the class of 1918 will have the Faculty Section, as usual. In cutting down the size of the book this year, the Faculty Section was one place which was intended to be shortened, but by a new decision, this cut will not be made.

In the Fraternity Section, each Fraternity will have two pages. On one page will be the group picture, and on the opposite page the picture of the fraternity house and a list of the members.

CONDITION EXAMINATIONS POSTPONED

The faculty has decided to omit the April condition examinations for the three lower classes this year. The rearrangement of the work of these classes to close the term May 18 has made this change necessary. Senior condition examinations will be given after April 15.

The notice as posted follows:

The faculty has voted: "That Seniors having conditions in first term subjects may be given examinations any time after April 15, at the discretion of the instructor who gave the condition."

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Taunton, Mass., accepting a commis-
sion in the Canadian field artillery.

EMPEY. Over the Top.

Written by a bomber and machine
gunner in the British army. Not the
least interesting part of the book is
Tommy's dictionary of trench slang.

GERARD. My Four Years in Ger-
many.

Mr. Gerard was the United States am-
bassador to Germany when diplo-
matic relations between the two
countries were severed.

HANKEY. Student in Arms.

Short essays that deal with soldiers'
attitude toward life at the front, to-
ward religion, the church, their
officers, and one another.

HAY. First Hundred Thousand.

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Captain Beith's regiment of Scotch
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ber them (sometimes actually succeed-
ing), and even (maliciously) recom-
mend them to innocent and unsuspect-
ing friends, who spitefully repeat and
three-peat the process. It has occurred
to me to set down a few jobs which I
never expect to fill and my reasons—
weak as they may be—for not wanting
to accept them. The jobs I shall enu-
merate no longer worry me with per-
petual inward debate as to whether or
not I shall apply for them. Here are a
few:

1. King of England. I do not feel myself fitted for that. Although my father came over on the Lusitania, I do not feel that my genealogy qualifies me for the place in the eyes of the people.
2. Stenographer. I do not know anything about shorthand and typewriting. Otherwise I am prepared.
3. A capitalist. I am broke.
4. A confidence man. I have a peculiarly malicious and untrustworthy look in my eye which spoils the game.
5. A minister. See number 4.
6. An orator. I stutter too much and I am very much subject to stage-fright of the most specific kind.
7. The President. I am not an American. For this reason alone I strongly suspect that the people would not give me the job even though I applied for it on nice, pink-scented note paper.
8. A bartender. I cannot be trusted when near a flask.
9. A moulder. See number 8.
10. A lawyer. I am a man of honor.

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11. A tutor for a shark. I am too much afraid that he would turn the tables on me.

12. A teacher (including professors). I am too kind-hearted.

13. The Kaiser (referring to Bill). Anybody knows why not, so I shall not explain. (It is because he has such a bad character). Besides, I am not allowed to use such language here.

(I could write more, but I have only been paid in advance for this number of words and I do not know whether or not the credit of the NEWS is good. I shall ask the printer.)

SOPHOMORES VOTE NUMERALS

At a meeting of the Sophomore class last Monday, it was voted to award numerals to all men earning them provided they were not awarded them last year.

It was also voted that the class pay to have the class pictures inserted in the Aftermath.

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SUNDAY MEETING

Mr. Gren O. Pierrel and Mr. Winthrop G. Hall, who are located with the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Devens, gave extremely interesting talks before a small gathering in Boynton Hall on Sunday afternoon, February 24th. As this was the universal day of prayer and go-to-church Sunday for Tech men, the occasion was taken by the Y. M. C. A. to give the students an opportunity of learning about the military camp at Ayer and the existing conditions there.

Mr. Pierrel was recently secretary of the student Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Hall is a member of the advisory board of the association, so that the speakers were especially interesting to those present. Both men described in a very vivid manner the different types of work in which the Army Y. M. C. A. is engaged, and the unusual opportunities presented to a secretary for constantly aiding the men in service in many different ways.

They also emphasized the splendid conditions which are found in and about Camp Devens, and especially the comfortable quarters and the appetizing meals which are given the officers and men.

FLINN RESIGNS

Alfred Douglass Flinn, '93, a graduate of the Civil Engineering Department, has resigned as Deputy Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply of New York City (Catskill Aqueduct). He has now become Secretary and Executive Officer of the United Engineering Society, Engineering Foundation and Engineering Council, Room 901, Engineering Societies Building, 29 West 39th street, N. Y. C.

TECH GRADUATE IN WAR WORK

J. T. Power, '07, of the Atlas Powder Co., has been recently appointed general supervisor of construction for a \$6,000,000 plant for the manufacture of explosives, to be erected in Maryland. Mr. Power is a graduate of the Department of Chemistry, and brother of H. R. Powers, former instructor at the Institute.

CLASS ACTIONS

Both the Senior and Sophomore classes held meetings last Monday, Feb. 25. The Seniors took up the matter of permanent class officers. An amendment to their constitution was proposed as follows: "Permanent officers of the class shall be elected before the Aftermath goes to press, so as to admit of being published. The Senior officers shall hold their present positions till after April 15, 1918." The Sophomores voted to pay for having their class picture put in the Aftermath.

MILITARY NOTES

Frank K. Brown, '20, received notice to report at Princeton on March 23, for duty in the aviation section of the U. S. Army.

Philip A. Henault, '20, left last Saturday, March 2, for Charleston, S. C., for duty in the aviation section of the U. S. Navy.

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